

REMARKS

Claims 87-138 are pending. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment. For instance, new claims 136-138 have been added as supported by pending claims 128-130. Thus, no new matter has been added.

In view of the following remarks, favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

In the outstanding Unity of Invention Rejection the Examiner has asserted that the present claims do not form a single general inventive concept pursuant to PCT Rule 13.1. Thus, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of Groups I-X.

Applicants traverse. Although the Examiner has cited Hanisch et al., Applicants point out that this reference fails to disclose a structure related to cancer. Rather, the data describes a soluble mucin, which does not have any significance related to the present invention describing the detection of saccharide structures on the surface of cancer tissue.

Thus, Applicants submit that the present claims share the same or corresponding special technical feature which represents a contribution over the prior art.

However, in order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect Group X, claims 132-135. This is an election with traverse as noted above. New claims 136-138 are deemed to belong to Group X.

Due to the extent permitted, Applicants hereby request that once the elected product claims are found allowable, the Examiner will rejoin any method claims which require the allowable features of the product claims.


In view of the above, favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No 42,874, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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